

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 561
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A RESOLUTION to honor and applaud Coach Doug Carnes and the Nashville Central Christian Basketball Warriors on winning the National Christian Homeschool Athletic Association National Championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful school sports teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Nashville Central Christian Basketball Warriors junior high school boys program is renowned as a bastion of extraordinary athletic facility and competitive stature in the world of homeschool sports; and

WHEREAS, an elite homeschool basketball program that emphasizes the noble character traits of unity, humility, and respect for authority, the program supports the decision of dedicated homeschool parents to educate their children at home while allowing the students to utilize their God-given athletic abilities; and

WHEREAS, the Nashville Central Christian Basketball Warriors achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2002-2003 season, establishing a record of 40-7 and winning the National Christian Homeschool Athletic Association National Championship Tournament; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding team also placed second in the Homeschool State Tournament and took top honors in the NCC Holiday Invitational Tournament and in the National Christian Homeschool Athletic Association NET Regional Tournament; and

WHEREAS, the Nashville Central Christian Warriors boys basketball team includes Jacob Azmitia, Stephen Azmitia, Justin Bailey, Micah Boerger, Graham Brandon, Corey DiCicco, Josh Gecowets, Daniel Kelley, Caleb Merrill, Josh Merrill, Jay Mitchell, Aren Sulfridge, and Scott Williams; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Doug Carnes has devoted many remarkable years to the cultivation of the boys program of the Nashville Central Christian Basketball Warriors; he and his assistants, Mark Gecowets, Al Azmitia, and Derek Merrill, laid the groundwork for this extraordinary season by sharing with the young men on the team their substantial knowledge of basketball, their many years of coaching and athletic experience, and their passion both for the sport of basketball and for excellence in every endeavor; and

WHEREAS, the Nashville Central Christian Warriors epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition, while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the court, even winning the Sportsmanship Award at the Grassland Invitational Tournament; and

WHEREAS, these young men have inspired their peers and united the entire Nashville homeschool community in completing their triumphal run through the 2002-2003 season; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible an excellent basketball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Nashville Central Christian Warriors for their remarkable showing throughout the 2002-2003 season and for serving as examples of the exceptional quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we do hereby honor and congratulate Coach Doug Carnes and the Nashville Central Christian Basketball Warriors on their formidable basketball legacy, their individual and collective resolve, and their extraordinary 2002-2003 season, particularly their being named National Champions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.